

Legislative Bill 9

Introduced by: Sponsor

FOR AN ACT relating to motorcycles.

1 Section 1. A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on any highway in this
2 state without wearing a protective helmet, except as provided in Sections 2 and 3.

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4 Section 2. A person who is at least 21 years of age is exempt from Section 1.

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6 Section 3. A person who is at least 16 years of age but younger than 21 years may be exempt from Section 1
7 if he or she carries proof of successful completion of a motorcycle safety course.

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9 Section 4. A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on any highway in this
10 state unless such person is wearing eye protection.

FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Year 2009-10		Fiscal Year 2010-11	
Expenditures	Revenues	Expenditures	Revenues
\$45,500	\$0	\$13,500	\$0

The Department of Motor Vehicles estimates that it would incur a one-time expense of \$30,000 to accommodate computer programming to change the motorcycle operator's license to include the words "helmet not required." The department also anticipates a \$13,500 annual expense to reimburse additional motorcycle education courses. The department reimburses motorcycle education providers at a rate of \$75 per course, and LB200 would be expected to increase the number of courses offered.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Repeal of mandatory helmet law – LB9 permits motorcyclists aged 21 and older to ride without helmets, and those aged 16 up to 21 can be exempt from the helmet law if they complete a motorcycle safety course. The bill also adds a new requirement that riders wear eye protection.